PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners January 23, 2017 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael H. Womble, CPA, President; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, Vice President; Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Murchison ("Bo") Biggs, CPA; Cynthia B. Brown, CPA; Justin C. Burgess; and L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Manager; Jean Marie Small, Professional Standards Specialist; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Sharon Bryson, CEO, NCACPA; Mark Soticheck, CPA, COO, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager, State Regulation & Legislation, AICPA; and Sergeant J.A. Stokes, Raleigh Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER: President Womble called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 19, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The December 2016 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Cook moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case No. C2016145 - Bereket E. Baissa, CPA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

<u>Case Nos. C2016177-1 and C2016177-2 - David E. Cochran and David Cochran, CPA, PLLC</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

<u>Case No. C2016259 - Patricia F. Mueller, CPA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order. Mr. Womble did not participate in any discussion or vote on this matter (Appendix III).

<u>Case No. C2016362-1 - Brian D. Donahue, CPA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).

<u>Case Nos. C2016174-1 and C2016174-2 - Michael A. Jakielski, CPA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix V)

<u>Case No. C2016130 - James B. Whitney, CPA - Approve a Notice of Hearing for May 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.</u>

<u>Case No. C2016131 - Melanie Drake - Approve a Notice of Hearing for May 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.</u>

<u>Case No. C2016143 - Margaret F. Stampley</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for May 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Case No. C2013123</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case Nos. C2016275-1 and C2016275-2 -William Marsh Palmer, CPA and William M. Palmer, CPA-</u> Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VI).

<u>Case Nos. C2016279-1 and C2016279 - Richard W. Wood, CPA and Richard W. Wood, CPA, PA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VII).

<u>Case Nos.C2016223-1 and C2016223-2 - Deidre Clare Morrison, CPA and Deidre C. Morrison, CPA - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VIII).</u>

<u>Case Nos. C2016225-1 and C2016225-2 - Martin Lee Price, CPA and Martin L. Price, CPA, PA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IX).

<u>Case Nos. C2016283-1 and C2016283-2 - Herman Lee Miller, CPA and H. Lee Miller, CPA - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix X).</u>

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Biggs moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Katrina Dukes Bryant Tamzin Elaine Ellerbeck Holly Darcey Evans Anthony J. Gentile, Jr. Se Houn Kim Kelsey Ann Magraw Daniel R. Majan-Priegues Ellen Margaret McCarthy David Rios Jonathan Cole Wiggins Hayeon Kim Wright

Original Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Elizabeth Trimble Adams

Brandon Louis Allen Kathrynne Paige Anna

Brandon Michael Barlek Rebecca Loggins Beane

Aleksandra Sergeyevna Bottolfson

Ryan Christopher Bourg

David John Boyles Cody Michael Brown Katrina Dukes Bryant Zachary Craig Burns

Veronica Lauren Butler

Lacie Spring Byers

Morgan William Carstens Anna Catherine Caulder

Ruth Ann Chu David Lee Coggins Joel Gavin Cook

Courtney Monae Crenshaw

Amanda Reidy Doiron Carissa Nicole Donley Taylor Harris DuBois Mary Katherine DuBose Tamzin Elaine Ellerbeck

Kasie Scott Elmore Matthew David Embler Natalie Susan Engstrom Caitlin Tiffany Evans Holly Darcey Evans Amanda Wilson Fair

Mariah Rose Hyde Clarke Ferguson

Patrick Raymond Foos Joseph James Fornabaio Katrina Isis Geathers Anthony J. Gentile, Jr. Shannon Marie Glatz Davi D. Goncalves

Robert Christopher Goslee

Taylor Lynn Gray Rachel Pointer Groce Krista Marie Hagler Almon Gerald Hall

Jonathan Mathias Hardin

Joshua Luke Harrington-Smith

Pamela Nicole Harris Insoo Tyler Hendricks Megan Elizabeth Hogan Kelsey Elizabeth Hopper Nicole Maloney Hosterman

Qingling Huang Paula Rhea Isles

Aaron David Jennings Stephanie Therese Kilmer

Se Houn Kim

Amanda Nicole King

Guy Kubi

Atlee Jennings Lenes
Kaying Luangsay
Kelsey Ann Magraw
Daniel R. Majan-Priegues
Ryan Christopher Mas
Ellen Margaret McCarthy
Lee Harris McCollum
Jeremy Daniel Miller
Joseph Samuel Morrow
Amiee Michelle Moser
Daniel James Moyer

Olivia Christine Nastasi Nicolaus Michael Nemeth Zachary Montgomery Nichols

William Robert O'Donnell

Alexis Lauren Pace Justin Michael Page

Kenneth Benjamin Pendleton

Emily Hope Petrocy

David Rios

Victoria Jayne Ritter Elizabeth Lee Roberts

Vladimil Roca

Ronald Robert Rubin

Spencer Robert Schultze
Leah Meghan Scully
Alyssa Marie Servie
Robert Joseph Sherwood, III
Myranda Blake Sieverding
Anna Carol Smathers
Kevin Michael Smeaton
Jacki Lee Smith
Krystal Frances Smith
Kevin Patrick Smyth
Erin Elizabeth Spencer
Charles Andrew Sprouse
William Luther Stark, III
Molly Elizabeth Steele

Kenneth Tyler Stutts
Andrew Ryan Sudran
Kara Elizabeth Tedder
John Zacharias Touloupas
Shakira Rene Vance
Justin Marshall Vaughan
Neena Pauline Wanko
Timothy Michael Weston
Jonathan Cole Wiggins
Hayeon Kim Wright
Bee Xiong
Qiong Yang
Brian Wagstaff Zick

Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original application submitted by Michael Denis Loman, Jr. Mr. Loman failed to disclose pertinent information with his exam application but provided it with his certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the application with a one-year probationary period. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Maira Naveed Ahmad James Doyle Angle Charmy Jay Anonuevo Stacie Lynn Armstrong Silverio Robert Balzano Wenjing Chen John Thomas Cummings **Brian Lewis Daves** Katherine Wells Demick Jeffrey Lee Edgington Elisa Frey Fernbach Eileen Conover Groeger Alexander Lee Hall Elizabeth Jane Hershman Richard Furman Hewitt Jr. Christopher Riley Hildreth Elizabeth Ann Hoffman

James Stanley Jackson Jensen Kallakavumkal Jacob Yasmine Chambers Johnson Jason Thomas Kelly Blair Brianne Lee Stephanie Jalill Parrish-Chester **Jemit Patel** Danielle Marie Ponchak Matthew Christian Rieddle Cory Jay Seyl Terri F. Taylor Linda Carol Tucker Todd Jeffrey Warlitner Bridgett A. Weber Vera Lynn Wood George Alan Yearwood Xiaomei Zhang

Temporary Permits - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits that were approved by the Executive Director:

James Stanley Jackson, T9574 Stacie Lynn Armstrong, T9575 Linda Carol Tucker, T9576 Terri F. Taylor, T9577 Todd Jeffrey Warlitner, T9578 Maira Naveed Ahmad, T9579 Vera Lynn Wood, T9580 Michael Lawrence Kuhn, T9581 Jeremy George Hinckley, T9582 Ericka Ruggs Lawrence, T9583 Bridgett A. Weber, T9584 James Doyle Angle, T9585 Surva Balasubramani Pethi, T9586 Matthew Christian Rieddle, T9587 Xiaomei Zhang, T9588 Chelsea Kay Kite, T9589 Courtney Anne McDowell Rogers, T9590 Elizabeth Jane Hershman, T9591

Chandra Rekia Tripp, T9592 Blair Brianne Lee, T9597 Silverio Robert Balzano, T9598 Brian Lewis Daves, T9599 Eileen Conover Groeger, T9600 John Thomas Cummings, T9601 Hannah Leigh Anderson, T9602 John Stephen England, T9603 Treesa Joseph, T9604 David Timothy Cockey, T9605 Theresa Ann Fowler, T9606 Patrick Matthew Corcoran, T9607 Miranda Ann Fluharty, T9608 Meagan June Massey, T9609 Amanda Nicole Fontana, T9610 Teag Koltan Jones, T9611 James Lee Kent, Jr., T9612 Michael Joseph Sherman, T9613 Jeffrey Kistler Jones, T9614

Reinstatements - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Sandra Massengill Barnes, #25462 Amy Louise Broderick, #35668 Kelli Black Hnath, #24983 Jeffrey Lee Horvath, #16519 Tracy Hope Lubsen, #25053 William Lyman Orr, #12573 Mark Augustus Toland, #17761 Tracey Thompson Welch, #18054 Cheryl Anne Willis, #27940

Reissuance of New Certificate - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following applications for reissuance of new certificate:

Donna Juanita Byars, #31672

David Brian Robertson, #21022

Firm Registrations - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following professional corporations and professional limited liability companies that were approved by the Executive Director:

Kurt L. Beal, CPA, PLLC Goins CPA PLLC Hampton & Everett, P.C. Emily Padilla CPA, PLLC **Extension Requests** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE until the dates noted:

Donna T. Council, #17214 - 6/30/17 Ronald E. Miller, #7747 - 6/30/17 Bria Ashia Gatewood, #40153 - 6/1/17 Michael Steven Hewat, #12394 - 6/30/17 William Reinger, #24119 - 6/30/17

The Committee recommended that the Board disapprove the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE:

Leigh Ann Mathis, #17724

Johnathon B. Wilhite, #37283

Letter of Warning - Staff recommended approval of the request to rescind the letter of warning awarded to Valerie Denning, #18581. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Examinations -The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Ylora Acosta
Ashley Adams
Matthew Albert
Deborah Anderson
Robert Arland
Alana Ayala
Nicholas Barnas
Tasha Barnes
William Barnes
Natalia Barriga
Jonathan Barwick
De-Kia Battle
Laura Beam

Stephen Belch Stephen Belcher Lynsey Bell Stacey Bell Ethan Bellm Duncan Belo Michele Belue Sydney Bennett Robert Bett

William Biney

Ryan Beeson

Brandon Blackerby Melissa Blackman Travis Blackmon Andrew Blalock Margaret Blanton Lauren Bolusky William Boney Sara Boswell Darby Boyd Sherry Boyd Mary Brandt Connor Brank Kristin Brigman Keith Bristol **Iessica Brittain** Cindy Broccolo Allie Brooks Rachael Broom Alisa Brown

Gregory Brown

Sarah Brown

Ashley Bryant

Penny Buckner

Christopher Burch

Stephanie Burgess Meghan Burke Hanna Butler Dylan Cain Jamie Caldwell

Samantha Campanaro Kenneth Cargain Ryan Carson Kayla Carter Grant Chambers Eric Chamblee

Ri Chan

Rachel Chaney
Rashida Chang
Maitland Chase
Abraham Chen
Justin Chestnutt
Kaylyn Clark
Kimberly Clark
Rashaad Clavon
Adam Clayton
Tracey Clements
Erich Cloninger
Lauren Collins
Clark Colosimo
Brian Combs
Allison Core

Eva Cruz

Brian Crutchfield

Andrew Cullinan
Sharon Cullipher
Carlie Cunningham
Christopher Cunningha

Christopher Cunningham

Brian Currin

Daniel Dapkiewicz
Laura Davenport
Casey Davis
Virginia Dawson
Caroline DeRhodes
Candace DeSantes
Edward DeSaussure
Antwain Dickens

Sarah Dietz

David Dimsdale Ashleigh Dobbins Jeremy Donabedian

Austin Donze Charles Dorcelien Brian Douglass Julie Drahushuk Alicia Driver

Mamie Duckworth Stephen Duncan Drew Dunn James Durand Abigail Durham Sarah Edwards Nancy Elliott Brooke English Kimberly Ervin Karina Escalante Sarah Exley

Andrew Fairchild Michael Falcone Melanie Falk Caitlin Faughnan Alison Faustyn Susan Fenwick Arlene Ferriter Thomas Fiedler Sean Fitzgerald Ryan Fletcher Katlyn Foster Laura Frazier Landry Frei Anna Futrell Paige Garner John Garrett Philip Garrigan

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Rebecca Geddes Chad Gibbs Garrett Gidlow Nicholas Gittin John Given Sarah Glovier Haley Good Jessica Grant Thomas Greene Benjamin Gregory Rachel Grote Monica Gutierrez

Geoffrey Haigler Turner Haigwood **Gregory Hales** Tariq Hamed Allison Harden Iordan Harrell

Cameran Harrison **Dustin Harrison** Andrew Harward

John Haus Kali Havner

Shernelia Hawkins

Daniel Hayes Kimberly Hecht Margaret Helmig Steven Helms Gregg Hemric Reanne Henry

Hayley Henson **Juan Hernandez** Michele Hewitt Joshua Hill

Ioshua Hincher Elizabeth Hinson Ann Hobson Crystal Hoegen

Robert Hogan Amanda Holland Teresa Holland

Jonathan Holt Benjamin Horne Ethan Howell Ryan Hucks

Lindsay Huebler Staci Huffman Noah Huffstetler **Trevor Huggins**

Lauren Hughes Paul Humienny Kevin Israel Hamilton James Nicholaus James

Kellie Janes Joyce Jarrett Lisa Johansen Sarah Johnson Tonnette Johnson

Emily Jones Zachery Jones

Leonnie Odette Kangaji

Gurpreet Kaur Timothy Kearns Jessica Kenny Michael Kentfield Hyon-Kyoung Kim

Paul Kim **Brittany King** Kathryn King Victoria King William Koernig Kevin YinTak Kwong

Victoria Lacivita Bart Landen Cortney Leggett Zhekang Li Marjorie Loflin **Iordan Loman Ernest Lookabill** Holly Lorms

Casey Maciej Thomas MacInnes

Travis Lowman

Ryan Mack Lisa Maida LaToya Malloy Patricia Mann Michelle Marley Chloe Massey Claire Mathias **Brooke Mathis**

Susanne Matthews Patrizia McCoy Henry McDonald

Madison McDonald

Ian McKee

Breanna McShea
Parker Megginson
Michael Meglin
Jack Melhorn
James Merritt
Erin Meyer
Allison Miller
Kareem Miller

Manoj Mirchandani

Robert Moore Jason Morgan Donna Morris Andrew Mothena

Marzouck Moussiliou-Coles

Stacy Mroz Allison Murphy Taylor Murphy Newsam Mutamba

Sasha Myers Morgan Nash Nader Nasrallah Francisco Naveira Luan Nguyen Tri Nguyen

Sarah Nicholls Nelly Njau Evariste Ntirenganya

David Nussman Nkemjika Nwosu Nana Nyanor Addysen O'Briant Caitlin O'Neil

Mofopefoluwa Obadina

Abigail Odette Adaora Okonkwo David Padykula Mark Parsells Kenan Patel Nirali Patel

Christopher Patterson

Chelsea Payne
Philip Pearce
Tiffany Pearce
Meghan Perdue
Cecilia Peters
Jasmine Pettaway
Phuong Pham
Thanh Pham
Adam Phillips
Ljiljana Pilipovic
Haley Pope
Austin Powell
Brittany Powell
James Powell

James Powell
Ian Pratt
Aaron Pryor
Sarah Putnam
Veronika Quintana

Natalie Reed Samantha Reed Stuart Reese John Reid

Jonathon Rembecki Christopher Rezac Katherine Rice

Amber Richardson-Booker

Nora Richmond
Ryan Ricks
Gregory Rierson
Andrew Riordan
Micah Rivera
Hillary Roberts
Shaun Roberts
Ellen Rockefeller
Samuel Roebuck
Bradley Rogers
Julian Rojas

Julian Rojas Debra Roque Roberto Rosario Samantha Rosier Elizabeth Ross

William Ross Meghan Ruddy Drew Saia Kyle Salvaterra Mariana Samanez Richard Sater **Jason Sauder** Landon Savino Reyna Sawyer Elizabeth Saylor Thomas Schotzinger **Andrew Schuett** Amanda Scott Taylor Seal Vanessa Seiglie Tyler Sell Hogan Sellers Mansa Shah Paval Shah Stephen Sheller Amber Shively Joshua Sigmon Karen Singletary **Emily Sisk** Lanita Slaughter Rakita Sledge Meredith Sloboda Cameron Smith Conor Smith Daniel Smith Jennifer Smith Susan Smitherman Eric Sommermann Kayleigh Spangler

Caroline Speer

Zachary Spicer

Stephen Spivey

Stacey Stafford

Nicholas Steward

Makayla Stiffler

Sarah Sullivan

Steven Sumner

Sheila Stone

Shanique Sumter Vevian Sun Jared Swavely Wesley Sweigart Kayla Sykes Raenie Talon Willie Tate David Templeton Martrice Terry Taylor Tibbs Spencer Tiedge Meredith Timberlake Lindsay Tippett Tawnia Tolliver Ashley Tomasula Matthew Travison Sherry Truax Taresa Turner Sarah Turpin Petra Tyndall Onur Uman Carlos Valencia Henrica Van OOrt Matthew VanDyne Kabao Vang Christopher Vaughan Tessa Vinson Eric Vozzo Cassandra Wagner Lauren Walker Katherine Warlick Cooper Wasil Joshua Waters James Wax Patricia Weekley Walter Wessinger Dylan Westrick Patrick White David Whiteman **Aviance Williams Brittany Williams**

Vaughn Williams

Paul Willoughby

Heather Wilson Jeremy Winters Michael Wolfe Angelica Wonders AnnMarie Wood Edgar Woodliff Kenneth Woodruff

Kevin Yang
Justin Yarbrough
Barry Yoder
Justin Young
Aaron Zerkel
Liudmila Zill

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: Mr. Cook presented the plan for the upcoming audit of the Board for the year ending March 31, 2016, as discussed with Messrs. Truitt and Nance.

EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan Objectives from the January 14, 2017 strategic planning session. Messrs. Truitt and Williams moved to approve Strategic Plan Objectives as presented. Motion passed (Appendix XI).

CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Biggs and Ms. Brown moved to enter Closed Session to receive legal advice from Legal Counsel regarding a court matter and to discuss a matter from the Personnel Committee. Motion passed. Messrs. Truitt and Trainor left the session during the discussion with Legal Counsel. Messrs. Brooks, Nance, and Trainor were not present during the Personnel Committee discussion.

PUBLIC SESSION: The Board re-entered Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Womble and Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director Michael H. Womble, CPA

President

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016145

IN THE MATTER OF: Bereket Ezra Baissa, #37794 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 37794 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent informed the Board on his 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, he had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his Renewal.
- 4. The Board staff requested that the Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2014 requirements.
- 5. The Respondent provided proof of his base forty (40) hours of CPE but was unable to provide documentation of at least one and one-half (1.5) hours of ethics from a sponsor registered with NASBA that he earned between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, to meet the 2014 ethics CPE requirement.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. The Respondent's failure to adequately renew his certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. The Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
- 4. The Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
 - b. Payment of the application fee,
 - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
 - d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group-study format.

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- 5. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. The Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE _	DAYO	of Dece	mber	, 2016.
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APPROVED BY THE BOARD T	HIS THE 23	DAY OF _	JANUARY	, 2017.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016177-1 and C2016177-2

IN THE MATTER OF: David Edward Cochran, #19612 David Cochran, CPA, P.L.L.C. Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. David Edward Cochran (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 19612 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent was, at all relevant times, the supervising CPA for his firm, David Cochran, CPA, P.L.L.C. ("Firm"), and had ultimate responsibility for the filing and remittance of taxes withheld from the Firm's employees' paychecks.
- The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued tax liens against the Firm for failure to timely file and/or pay 941 taxes. Liens were filed by the IRS for at least nine (9) quarters beginning in the fourth quarter of 2013 to the present.
- 4. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondents' actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202, and .0207.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consumtstantly order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

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David Edward Cochran

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, David Edward Cochran, is hereby permanently revoked.
- 2. The firm registration for David Cochran, CPA, P.L.L.C., is hereby suspended.
- 3. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE $\frac{\mathcal{L}}{(Day)}$	DAY OF Jahu	1ary (Month)	_, <u>2017</u> .
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Individual aut	horized to sign or	n behalf of Firm	
APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE	23 (Day) DAY OF	JANUARY (Month)	

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BY:_____President

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2016259

IN THE MATTER OF: Patricia F. Mueller, CPA, #27154 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Patricia F. Mueller (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 27154 as a certified public accountant.
- 2. The Respondent disclosed that one of her audits had been referred by the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") to the AICPA for evaluation.
- 3. The AICPA Technical Standards Subcommittee reviewed the 401(k) Employee Benefit Plan Audit of Financial Statements and corresponding workpapers as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2011, and recommended a "letter of required corrective action." The Respondent accepted that letter on February 6, 2016.
- 4. The Respondent subsequently disclosed the matter to the Board. The Board staff opened a case and requested documentation and information from the Respondent.
- 5. The Respondent provided the Board staff with documentation regarding the audit and the AICPA investigation. Upon review of these materials, the Board has identified potential deficiencies of audit standards.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

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- 2. If proven at hearing, the alleged audit deficiencies could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 (Audit Standards) and .0212 (Competence).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent, Patricia F. Mueller, is censured.
- 2. The Respondent must provide the Board with confirmation that she is no longer performing Employee Benefit Plan audit services for the duration of the AICPA imposed suspension.
- 3. In the event that she provides Employee Benefit Plan audit services in the future, the Respondent must complete Auditing Defined Contribution Plans CPE totaling eight (8) hours.
- 4. In the event that she provides Employee Benefit Plan audit services in the future, the Respondent must provide the Board with copies of all correspondence related to the selection and review by the AICPA of the engagement identified for post-issuance review.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE (Day)	DAY O		(Month)	
Respondent	~ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Nuelle	n, CPA	
APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE _	23 (Day)	DAY OF _	JAWHRY (Month)	, 2017 (Year)

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2016362-1

IN THE MATTER OF: Brian David Donahue, CPA, #37898 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Brian David Donahue, CPA, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 37898 as a certified public accountant. The Respondent provides professional services through his firm, Donahue Associates, LLC ("Firm"). At all relevant times, Donahue was the sole partner and president of the Firm.
- 2. In June 2016, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") entered an "Order Instituting Disciplinary Proceedings, Making Findings and Imposing Sanctions" ("Order") against the Respondent and his Firm.
- 3. The Order was imposed upon the consent of the Respondent and the Firm, though they did not admit or deny many of the findings made within the Order.
- 4. The Order imposed sanctions based upon the Firm's failure to obtain engagement quality reviews as required by the PCAOB rules, even though it had engaged in audits of three (3) public companies.
- 5. The Order also imposed sanctions based upon a failure to take appropriate steps after the Respondent detected, or otherwise became aware of, information indicating that an illegal act had occurred within one of its audit clients.
- 6. The Respondents cooperated fully with the Board's inquiry and also the matter before the PCAOB.
- 7. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.
 - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, in CHEGIRD OF

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the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

- 2. The Respondent's failures to follow all applicable rules of the PCAOB constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0204 and .0212.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. Neither the Respondent nor the Firm shall perform audit services in this State for a period of one (1) year.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016174-1 and C2016174-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Michael A. Jakielski, #13985 Michael A. Jakielski, CPA, P.A. Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Michael A. Jakielski (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13985 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent was, at all relevant times, the supervising CPA for his firm, Michael A. Jakielski, CPA, P.A. ("Firm"), and had ultimate responsibility for the filing and remittance of taxes withheld from the Firm's employees' paychecks.
- 5. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued tax liens against the Firm for failure to timely file and/or pay 941 taxes. Liens were filed by the IRS for at least sixteen (16) quarters beginning in the second quarter of 2011 to the present.
- 4. The Respondent was a defendant in a civil suit. A Default Judgment was rendered against the Respondent and the Firm on October 31, 2014. The Default Judgment states:

...the court finds that the plaintiff was damaged as a result of defendants' negligence and that the plaintiff suffered damages....

- 5. The Respondent failed to disclose either the civil suit or Judgment on his December 2014 firm renewal.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law OARD OF

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- The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondents' actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202, and .0212.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, Michael A. Jakielski, is hereby permanently revoked.
- 2. The firm registration for Michael A. Jakielski, CPA, P.A., is hereby suspended.
- 3. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016275-1 and C2016275-2

IN THE MATTER OF: William Marsh Palmer, CPA, #35295 William M. Palmer, CPA Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. William Marsh Palmer, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 35295 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. William M. Palmer, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):

A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:

- (1) audits;
- (2) reviews of financial statements;
- (3) compilations of financial statements; or
- (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.

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- 5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed one Agreed-Upon-Procedures ("AUP") engagement in 2011.
- 6. An AUP constitutes an engagement performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements and therefore necessitated a peer review.
- 7. The Respondent has not engaged in any other engagements subject to peer review and has indicated to the Board that he does not presently desire to engage in those services.
- 8. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent should have known that by performing an AUP, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.
 - BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:
- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

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Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or 3. reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent's firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board; until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016279-1 and C2016279-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Richard W. Wood, CPA, #15241 Richard W. Wood, CPA, PA Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Richard W. Wood, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15241 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Richard W. Wood, CPA, PA, (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 3. The Respondent is the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, is the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):

A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:

- (1) audits;
- (2) reviews of financial statements;
- (3) compilations of financial statements; or
- (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.

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Consent Order - 2 Richard W. Wood, CPA Richard W. Wood, CPA, PA

- 1. The Respondent has provided information to the Board that he performed a review in 2011 and three (3) reviews in 2012.
- 2. By performing reviews, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
- 3. The Respondent has not engaged in any other engagements subject to peer review and has indicated to the Board that he does not presently desire to engage in those services.
- 4. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent should have known that by performing reviews, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.
 - BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:
- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

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3. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent's firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board; until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016223-1 and C2016223-2

IN THE MATTER OF:

Deirdre Clare Morrison, CPA, #33822

Deirdre C. Morrison, CPA Respondents CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Deirdre Clare Morrison, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 33822 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Deirdre C. Morrison, CPA (hereinafter "Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):

A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:

- (1) audits;
- (2) reviews of financial statements;
- (3) compilations of financial statements; or
- (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.
- 5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed audits and other engagements subject to peer review for the years 2009 through 2014.
- 6. By performing those audits and other services, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.

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- 7. The Respondent initiated the peer review process, but did not complete a peer review.
- 8. The Respondent has indicated that she has ceased performing audit services for clients.
- 9. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent should have known that by performing audits, her Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall pay a one-thousand dollar (\$1000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

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Consent Order - 3 Deirdre Clare Morrison, CPA Deirdre C. Morrison, CPA

4. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent's firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board; until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016225-1 and C2016225-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Martin Lee Price, CPA, #24831 Martin L. Price, CPA, PA Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Martin Lee Price, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24831 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Martin L. Price, CPA, PA, (hereinafter "Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):

A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:

- (1) audits;
- (2) reviews of financial statements;
- (3) compilations of financial statements; or
- (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.

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- 5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed audits and compilations for the years 2007 through 2012. It had also performed compilations in 2013.
- 6. By performing a compilation, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
- 7. The Firm had completed a peer review in 2007 and substantially completed the peer review process again in 2010. However, the process was never fully completed and the Firm did not receive a final letter of acceptance as required by 21 NCAC 08M .0106(b) which provides that "A peer review shall not be complete until the Final Letter of Acceptance is issued by the peer review program with the new due date."
- 8. The Firm has not undergone any further peer reviews since the incomplete review in 2010 despite providing services subject to peer review through 2013.
- 9. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent knew that his audits and compilations subjected his Firm to peer review. The Respondent should have known that its 2010 peer review was incomplete. The failure to finalize the 2010 peer review or to participate in a subsequent peer review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

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Consent Order - 3 Martin Lee Price Martin L. Price, CPA, PA

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall pay a one-thousand dollar (\$1000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
- 4. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent's firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board; until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2016283-1 and C2016283-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Herman Lee Miller, CPA, #32048 H. Lee Miller, CPA Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Herman Lee Miller, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 32048 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. H. Lee Miller, CPA, (hereinafter "Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):

A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:

- (1) audits;
- (2) reviews of financial statements;
- (3) compilations of financial statements; or
- (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.

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- 5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewals that the Firm had participated in some engagements that were subject to peer review. Upon further inquiry from the Board, the Respondent disclosed that he had performed an audit for the same company in 2014, 2015 and 2016; he also performed a compilation engagement in 2016.
- 6. By performing audits and a compilation, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review. The Respondent submitted an application for the peer review program to the AICPA and was told that the application would be processed. The Respondent did not follow up on that application and never obtained a peer review.
- 7. The Respondent asserts that he will no longer accept engagements from clients that would necessitate a peer review.
- 8. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.
 - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent should have known that by performing audits and a compilation, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

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Consent Order - 3 Herman Lee Miller, CPA H. Lee Miller, CPA

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent shall pay a one-thousand dollar (\$1000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
- 4. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent's firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board; until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

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North Carolina Board of CPA Examiners Strategic Objectives

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Objective	Objective Overview
Excellent Customer Service	The Board will continually evaluate and identify ways to enhance overall customer service.
Effective Enforcement	The Board will ensure that CPAs continue to demonstrate professionalism, competence, and adherence to ethical standards when utilizing the CPA title or when engaged in the practice of public accountancy. The Board will be proactive in its enforcement in order to fully protect the citizens of North Carolina and the public at large.
Enhance Audit Quality	The Board will increase the confidence of the public in audit reports by promoting and enforcing competency and ethical standards.
Competency-Based CPE	The Board will ensure that CPE requirements reflect best educational practices and are relevant to licensees.
Improve Public Awareness and Accessibility	The Board will work to ensure that the consuming public and licensees more fully understand the Board's mission and purpose, and have access to the services of the Board.
Integrated Technology	The Board will effectively utilize technology to support its work.